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Dear Examiner Wilson:

Responsive to a phone conversation of 12/30/03 with Examiner  
Wilson regarding a final issue to resolve to place application in condition  
for allowance, it is requested that the following remarks be added to the  
file.

The examiner stated that the prior response included substitute  
pages in addition to the list of requested changes. This procedure for  
responding to PCT applications is not the proper response to a non PCT  
application. The Examiner requested that I resubmit the response  
without the substitute pages so that the remarks may be added to the  
file without the detailed examination of the substitute pages.

Applicant's attorney did locate a statement in the Office Action  
dated 6/12/02, Paper 11, Page 4, as follows: